

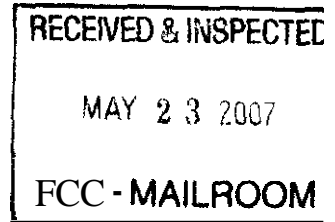


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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: WC **Docket** No. 02-60 (**Rural Health Care** Mechanism Pilot Program)

Dear Office of Secretary:

Historically the creation of a new program brings excitement and anticipation, with the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network collaborating with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "Rural Health Care Pilot Program", the potential to create connectivity **for** the future **of** rural healthcare beyond our imaginations.

**As** Governor of the Great State of Nebraska I am proud to support the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN), in this application for funding through your program. This Pilot Program has the potential to expand rural healthcare in Nebraska with unlimited technologic possibilities.

The goals of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network is to develop and implement a redundant fiber network for connectivity, they have established the braided community over the last decade to implement every aspect you would require for the Pilot Program.

The R N " is passionately committed not only to survive as healthcare providers but reach new heights for the growth of medical services in the Panhandle rural areas .With fiber connectivity, the premise is to allow technology in Emergency Room using cameras for consultations with medical specialist hundreds **of** miles away, to elaborate x-rays that take moments to be sent across fiber optic lines and a redundant network connection to support it all.

I am confident in my recommendation of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network and the implementation **of** the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. This would be monumental **for** the future of our western Nebraska Rural Health Care.

Sincerely,

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